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1. On the occasion of the anniversary of the October Revolution on 7 November 1950, two battalions of 500 men each assembled in the yard of the Artillerie Kaserne, Frankfurt/Oder (O 53/V 63). On 10 November, 12-man crews were engaged in aiming practice with five 76.2-mm guns.

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2. On 7 November about 600 troops, organized into three 200-man units, fell in at the Buelow Kaserne. They wore red-bordered black epaulets, some with tank insignia. A military band was standing to the right of the formation. On 4 November about 20 soldiers strung an antenna wire between two masts which were 12 to 12 (sic) meters high. In the center of the antenna wire there was a small square box from which a lead wire led to a signal truck, which stood between the stalls of the barracks installation. Only one canvas-covered tank was parked in front of the garage.

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3. Only a few soldiers, who wore crimson epaulets, were seen in the north-eastern section of the Eichhorn Kaserne. There was no training activity. On 7 November, about 1,000 troops fell in for roll call and subsequent review in the yard of the southwestern barracks section.

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4. The Hindenburg Kaserne was occupied by an estimated 400 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. There was no roll call on October Revolution Day on 7 November. Officers were identified in the billeting area.

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5. On 7 November about 100 troops fell in for roll call at the Hofbauer Kaserne. On 7, 8, and 9 November officers arrived on trucks. At about 8 p.m. on 9 November, about 150 officers left the installation for the passenger railroad station in Frankfurt/Oder on the same trucks, which made two trips. \*

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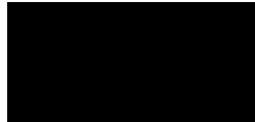
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On 4 November, 10 to 15 soldiers did maintenance work on a rocket launcher, while about 10 soldiers did repair work on a truck. [REDACTED] were identified in the billeting area.

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6. On 7 November a military band and about 600 men fell in at the Horn Kaserne for roll call. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were observed in the billeting area.

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7. On 7 November, 700 to 800 troops, organized into eight units of 80 to 100 men, fell in for roll call in the barracks yard of the Zichen Kaserne. They wore red-bordered black epaulets, some of them with tank and artillery insignia. [REDACTED]

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\* Comment. [REDACTED] reported in early November 1950 that officer replacements from the U.S.S.R. arrived in Frankfurt/Oder and were shipped to the Hofbauer Kaserne. [REDACTED]

The officers arrived aboard the daily leave trains.

\*\* Comment. Since it is believed that virtually all troops attended the roll calls in the individual barracks installations of Frankfurt/Oder on the occasion of the anniversary of the October Revolution on 7 November, the figures given in the present report confirm previous strength estimates.

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